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KILLED BY SNOWSLIDE

Terrible Disaster on the C. P. R. Mountain Section Yesterday Afternoon.

Round House at Rogers Pass Carried Away and Seven Men Perish.

Two Others Injured—Names of the Victims Not Yet Ascertainable.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Vancouver Jan. 31.—A terrible disaster occurred at four o'clock this afternoon, at Rogers Pass. But one message came over the wire and as only one wire was working the particulars are meagre. The despatch stated that a big snowslide had swept away the roundhouse, causing the death of seven men (presumably employees) and the injuring of two. The names could not be learned.

The despatch said Superintendent Marpole, superintendent of telegraphs Wilson and Mr. Duchesnay were at the scene doing all they could for the injured men and the recovery of the bodies of those who had perished.

A large force of men were engaged and at seven this evening two bodies had been recovered.

Mr. George McL. Brown, executive agent of the C. P. R., last evening received a despatch giving particulars of the accident substantially as above. This distressing casualty was one, he says, that could not be guarded against, and the slide must have been a terrible one to reach the round house. A gang of men were at once put to work, and the track will be cleared by 1 o'clock today.

THE SUGAR TRUST.

German Manufacturers Alive to the Danger from American Competition.

Berlin, Jan. 30.—During the discussion in the lower house of the Prussian diet to-day Baron Erffa, referring to the opinion of the secretary of the imperial treasury that there was no danger to the German sugar industry from America in the near future, said the manufacturers of Saxony took a different view from those who underrated the colossal financial resources and enterprises of "the American sugar trust" in California. The only thing to help German manufacturers was to lighten the excise duty on sugar and thus promote home consumption.

Baron von Hammerstein Loxten, the minister of agriculture, in reply said he fully agreed with the statement that most serious danger existed from America. Moreover, he remarked, the export of sugar from Cuba would greatly increase during the next few years, now that energetic and intelligent American capitalists had taken the matter in hand. The danger arising from the production of beet sugar in America, he further said, was continually increasing.

FIRE AT CHEMAINUS.

One Chinaman Burned to Death and Another Badly Scorched.

Arrivals from Chemainus on yesterday's noon train brought news of a fire in the island lumbering town in which one Chinaman was burned to death and another had his hands burned. The fatal fire occurred early yesterday morning in a Chinese laundry and the victim was burned to death in his bed and his companion was badly burned in escaping. The building was destroyed together with a lot of clothes belonging to residents of the district.

A CAMPAIGN TREATY.

Washington Commission to End in Nothing But Election Literature.

Toronto, Feb. 1—(Special)—The World says the Liberals are going to sign a treaty that will read fairly well. They will not, however, guarantee that it will be ratified by the senate of the United States.

When parliament meets in March the government will have a redistribution bill ready, which they hope the senate will throw out. They will then go to the country on their treaty (not ratified) and reform of the senate, probably some time in June next.

ONTARIO LEGISLATURE.

Reservation of Canadian Lumber for Canadian Workmen Put Into Effect.

Toronto, Feb. 1.—(Special)—The session of the Ontario legislature opened this afternoon with the usual formalities. There was a large attendance of members. The speech from the throne was read by His Honor Sir Oliver Mowat. It contains nothing of special interest, except on the timber question, which is referred to in the following terms:

"The legislation of last year which provided that all pine logs cut on crown domain after the termination of the then existing leases should be sawn in Canada, has been made effective by inserting manufacturing conditions in all renewals of licenses for current year. In this connection I am pleased to be able to state that the cut of logs for export by American limit-holders for the last license year did not appreciably exceed that of former years.

"It is anticipated that by reason of the legislation referred to there will be a sensible reduction in the revenue to be derived during the current year from timber resources. It will therefore be necessary to make provision by which any probable deficiency in revenue may be otherwise made up. Measures to this end will be submitted for your consideration."

Always avoid harsh purgative pills. They first make you sick and then leave you constipated. Carter's Little Liver Pills regulate the bowels and make you well. Dose, one pill.

THE THRONE OF CHINA.

Empress Dowager Has Decided Upon Successor to the Caged Emperor.

Pekin, Jan. 30.—The Chinese press says that the Dowager Empress has decided upon a policy regarding the successor to the throne. At a meeting of her relatives recently held, she selected the successor of the present Emperor. His identity was not divulged, but all reports agree that a change at the palace is impending. The Emperor is still strictly guarded and in the southwest corner of the island palace. It is asserted that the Dowager Empress practically ignores the grand council of state and the Tsung-li-Yamen.

THE DEMANDS ON SPAIN.

Only Luzon Island of Philippine Group Included at First.

Washington, Jan. 30.—The President to-day sent to the senate the correspondence on file in the state department bearing upon the peace treaty, and it was read in to-day's executive session. The correspondence includes most of the letters and cablegrams from the commissioners to the President, and from the President to the commissioners in the way of instructions. The documents are numerous, as there are telegrams, letters and reports for almost every day the commissioners were in Paris.

One of the first cablegrams from the President instructed them to demand the cession of Luzon island only of the Philippines, and he told them that full sovereignty should go with it. The reading of the correspondence received the closest attention from the senators.

DOMINION DESPATCHES

Conservatives in New Brunswick Sorely Trouble Leader of Coalition Government.

Smallpox Imported From Ohio—Grip Takes an Auctioneer—C. P. R. Statement.

Special To The Colonist.

NEW BRUNSWICK POLITICS.

St. John, Jan. 30.—Premier Emerson of New Brunswick and A. A. Stockton, leader of the opposition, have published each a manifesto appealing for the support of the electorate at the general election, which has been fixed for February 28.

The Premier points out his neutrality in Dominion federal politics, protests against the determination of the Conservatives to run provincial politics on Dominion lines, and asks for support for his mixed or coalition government.

The leader of the opposition in his address claims that the country has been misgoverned, the finances squandered, and no legislation carried out for the benefit of the country.

SCHOONER ABANDONED.

Halifax, Nov. 30.—The Nova Scotia schooner Jersey Bay, from Placentia Bay, Nfld., bound for Halifax with a cargo of herring, was abandoned yesterday 20 miles east of St. Catterick. The crew were rescued.

QUARANTINED IMMIGRANTS.

Halifax, Jan. 30.—The work of disembarking the Doukhobor immigrants from the steamer Lake Superior and housing them at Lawlor's island is proceeding rapidly.

THE SMALLPOX.

Montreal, Jan. 30.—Montreal doctors are convinced that the recent cases of smallpox came from Cleveland, a large number of the men working on the canal having previously resided there.

C. P. R. EARNINGS.

Montreal, Jan. 30.—For the 12 months ending December 31, 1898, the C. P. R. figures are: Gross earnings, $26,138,977; working expenses, $15,663,605; net profits, $10,475,372. For the 12 months ended December 31, 1897, there was a net profit of $10,303,776.

HOME BURNED.

Owen Sound Jan. 30.—The fine residence of Mrs. H. Butchart was totally destroyed by fire to-day, together with most of the contents.

FATAL GRIP.

Guelph, Jan. 30.—Joseph Heffernan, auctioneer and an old resident, died this morning of la grippe, aged 42.

SLEIGHING PARTY PERISH.

Caught in Snowstorm in Colorado Gulch and Five Lives Lost.

Denver, Col., Feb. 1.—A special from Aspen, Col., says that a sleighing party was caught in a snow storm in Lincoln Gulch, nine miles above Aspen. Particulars are lacking, but it is believed that five men and 18 horses perished.

FITZSIMMONS' MONEY COVERED.

Twenty-Five Hundred Dollars Put Up on Behalf of Sharkey.

Syracuse, N. Y., Feb. 1.—Tom O'Rourke announced here to-night: "I have forwarded to-night a certified check for $2,500 to New York to cover Fitzsimmons' forfeit, now in the hands of the New York Journal, to bind a match between Tom Sharkey and Robert Fitzsimmons before the club offering the largest purse. The referee and terms to be mutually agreed upon as soon as a club qualifies.

Saginaw, Mich., Feb. 1.—Bob Fitzsimmons to-day declared there is no truth in the despatches stating that McCoy has challenged him. He said further that if the "Kid" does fight him, he must wait until he (Fitzsimmons) has first taken care of both Sharkey and Jeffreys.

DAKOTA DIVORCES.

Bismarck, N.D., Feb. 1.—The house today passed the bill requiring a residence of one year before a divorce can be secured. It had previously passed the senate and will be approved by the governor.

MR. COSTIGAN IN LUCK

Obtains from Political Opponents Concessions for Co-Religionists and for Himself.

Toronto World's Story of Deal Affecting Politics of Two Provinces.

Special To The Colonist.

Toronto, Jan. 31.—The World's Montreal special says Sir Oliver Mowat is to retire, and his place at Government House is to be taken by Senator Scott. Hon. John Costigan is to succeed the latter in the senate as the Irish representative.

It is further stated that Hon. Mr. Blair took Mr. Costigan's conversion in hand as soon as he entered the government, and he succeeded so well that the ex-minister of inland revenue consented to accept a portfolio on the eve of a general election, upon condition of further concessions being granted by the Greenway government to the Catholic minority in Manitoba. The western end of the deal is also said to be progressing in a most satisfactory manner, and Hon. Mr. Fitzpatrick knew whereof he spoke when he declared up West the other day that further concessions would be forthcoming.

It is said, in fact, that the Manitoba government gave only a few days ago a check for $4,000 to the Archbishop of St. Boniface for providing separate school teachers in Winnipeg.

St. John, Feb. 1.—(Special)—The election dates of New Brunswick elections are February 11 and 18. Although the voting is so close at hand, there are still candidates lacking in several constituencies. The government start off with a decided advantage as their preparations for a short campaign are more advanced than the opposition. Messrs. Tweedie, Burchell, O'Brien and Fish will be the government candidates in Northumberland, where Robinson, Conservative M. P., will support the government. In Madawaska county the opposition will probably not put up candidates.

Hon. George E. Foster reached Fredericton to-day to take part in the campaign.

DEWEY TO BE ADMIRAL.

Rank Reserved for His Benefit and Ten Years Added to Service.

Washington, Feb. 1.—The senate committee on naval affairs has decided to report favorably the joint resolution reviving the rank of admiral in the interest of Rear-Admiral Dewey. The resolution was so amended as to extend the time of his retirement ten years.

Gibraltar, Feb. 1.—The United States transport Grant, which left New York January 24 having on board Major-General Lawton, the Fourth infantry and a battalion of the 17th infantry, bound for Manila, arrived here this morning.

THE DEATH ROLL.

Twenty Children Through the Ice—International Post Director—Historian and Sculptor.

Keonichberg, East Prussia, Jan. 30.—Twenty children are reported to have been drowned by an ice disaster at the village of Warpuhnen.

Berne, Switzerland, Jan. 30.—The director of the international post bureau, M. Homne, is dead.

Amsterdam, Jan. 30.—Dr. Fruin, the Dutch historian, died yesterday at London.

London, Jan. 30.—Mr. Harry T. Bales, the sculptor and associate of the Royal Academy, is dead.

Toronto, Feb. 1.—Mrs. Hollinger, of Winnipeg, sister of Dr. John Noble, of Toronto, died on the train while on her way to this city from Winnipeg.

Winnipeg, Feb. 1.—Rev. S. R. Brown, formerly pastor of Fort Rouge Methodist church in this city, died yesterday at Huntingdon, Que.

London, Eng., Feb. 1.—Col. Mackinnon, the former secretary of the National Rifle Association, is dead.

VICTORIANS AT SKAGWAY.

Their Movements to and From the Atlin Mines—Interest in the Alien Bill.

Skagway, Jan. 23.—"Has the Atlin law passed?" "Will it pass?" and many other like questions are asked of all newcomers, especially of Canadians, who are looked upon as men able to speak authoritatively on this very important subject. All are waiting anxiously to see what will be done, and many mining transactions concerning Atlin claims are suspended, awaiting the fate of the act.

A new arrival in Skagway is much surprised to find a city with a population of about 4,000 inhabitants, with all modern improvements, such as railways, electric lights and up-to-date hotels, serving good meals at very reasonable charges.

Several new buildings are in course of construction, and many more will be put up as the season advances.

Several parties have arrived from Dawson and way places, and report that the trail is in excellent condition, especially from Bennett to Skagway.

Mr. Lindsay, a well known Victorian who left Victoria on December 15, is now stranded at Log Cabin, having lost two-thirds of his dogs from an epidemic which prevails here now. His nephew Ernest has gone into Atlin.

W. H. T. Olive, another Victorian, arrived from Bennett yesterday on his way to Victoria.

Messrs. Rant and Jones left for Bennett to-day.

Success comes to those who persevere. If you take Hood's Sarsaparilla faithfully and persistently, you will surely be benefitted.

NO CONCERN OF OTTAWA'S.

Chief Conservative Organ Advises the Premier Not to Meddle with Atlin Bill.

Toronto, Feb. 1.—(Special)—The Mail in a leading editorial headed "Hands off British Columbia" says: "A Washington despatch says the Atlin law is to be disallowed. British Columbia is by no means likely to admit its ultra vires, or to bow to the injunction of the Dominion government restraining the operation of the law. The premier would therefore be certain to meet with opposition in the implementing of his alleged promise to the American commissioners." The Mail advises Premier Laurier to insist that the province is within its rights and take the opportunity afforded him to drive a better bargain for his country.

TURKEY MAKES BOYS SICK.

Sixty-Seven Cadets the Victims of Mysterious Poisoning.

Chester, Pa., Jan. 30.—Sixty-seven cadets of the Pennsylvania Military Academy at this place were poisoned today presumably from eating turkey. It was after the meal of which fowl was the principal food that the first boy was taken ill. In rapid succession one after another was stricken, and several of the children of Col. Hyatt, the academy principal, were also taken ill. Physicians were called in and they administered antidotes. The condition of the sick gradually improved until all were out of danger.

The doctors made an investigation of the food and decided that the turkey had caused the trouble. No trace of mineral poisoning could be found but the opinion of the doctors is that the ill results were due to the decomposition of the interior organs of the fowl.

FIRES OF ONE DAY.

Chair Factory at Owen Sound—Toronto Planing Mill—A Village Wiped Out.

Owen Sound, Feb. 1.—The North American Chair Company's factory was completely destroyed by fire, which broke out about 4 o'clock this morning. The loss will be in the neighborhood of $75,000. Two hundred and eighty hands are thrown out of employment. The building and contents were insured for $28,000.

Toronto, Feb. 1.—The moulding and planing mill of Matthews Bros. & Co., in the northwest section of the city, was burned down early this morning.

Buda Pesth, Feb. 1.—A fire last night in the village of Magyproboez, in the Liptau district, destroyed 300 houses. Many lives were lost during the conflagration.

Columbus, Ohio, Feb. 1.—A fire which began at 9 o'clock to-night in the heart of the business portion of the city is still raging at midnight. The wholesale dry goods store of Green, Joice & Co. has been destroyed. The loss will be very heavy. Five people were seriously injured by a falling wall, and it is thought that one man was killed.

THE SAMOAN TROUBLES

German Officials Again Flout American Chief Justice of Supreme Court.

British and United States Consuls Join in Demanding Apology—Savages Still Fighting.

By Associated Press.

Auckland, N.Z., Feb. 1.—The following advices have been received here from Apia, Samoa, under date of January 24, from the correspondent of the Associated Press:

"There has been no further general fighting between the partisans of the rival chieftains since last advices were forwarded except that a party of Mataafa's followers was routed in the bush by Malietoans. It was expected that fighting would be resumed as Mataafa is re-arresting persons who have been already fined and released.

There has been a collision of authority between Chief Justice Chambers of the supreme court and Dr. Rafael, the German president of the municipality of Apia. Herr Grossmuhl, a German resident of Apia, who was arrested for smashing the windows of the supreme court chamber, was sentenced by the Chief Justice to imprisonment and to pay a fine. Dr. Rafael instructed the police to release Herr Grossmuhl, whose fine was subsequently fixed at $1,000.

The German consul, Herr Rose, thereupon wrote to the American consul, Mr. Osborne, and the British consul, Mr. E. B. S. Maxse, protesting that the action of the Chief justice in fining Herr Grossmuhl was an infringement of German consular rights. Messrs. Osborne and Maxse jointly replied in their official capacity that, the proper tribunal having dealt with the matter, the consuls could not interfere. More than this they declined to have further intercourse with the German consul or the German municipal president except in writing, or to attend meetings, except to consider the acts of the municipal council of Apia, unless an apology, with full retraction, were offered for the behaviour toward Chief Justice Chambers. At the same time the supreme court summoned Dr. Rafael for contempt of court in releasing Herr Grossmuhl.

Library Returns.—The returns of the Victoria free library show a total issue of 2,248 volumes during the month of January—1,098 to ladies and 1,150 to gentlemen. The highest daily issue was 147, the average 90, the new members 88 in number—12 ladies and 26 gentlemen.

ALAS FOR THE CANNERS

Minister Stands by His Determination to "Cram the Regulations Down Their Throats."

Another Industry to Be Sacrificed to the Whim of an Autocrat at Ottawa.

Snowslide Carries Away Part of Glacier Station—The Storm Stays Telegraphy.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Vancouver, Jan. 31.—A private letter from Sir Louis Davies, minister of fisheries, has been received, stating in effect that the obnoxious British Columbia salmon fishing regulations are to be enforced as they now stand. The minister therefore stands alone against outraged British Columbia opinion, the fishermen, the members of parliament for this province, and even the chief organ of the Liberal party, the Toronto Globe, whose management, realizing that the government are in error in enforcing the regulations that would paralyze the canning industry in this province, have written the secretary of the canners that the columns of the Globe are open for an expression of their views. Mr. Maxwell, M. P., has stated, after mature consideration, that his views have changed, and he will work to have the regulations modified. Mr. Aulay Morrison states that he never was enthusiastic over the present regulations; and the fishermen themselves, it is claimed, have yielded inasmuch as they have expressed themselves as not objecting to an applicant for license not producing a tax receipt. Mr. G. I. Wilson, on being interviewed on the subject, stated that the oppressive duty has been made less obnoxious by the 99 per cent. rebate, and that practically the one thing asked for before the season opens is to allow any able-bodied, respectable man to fish for salmon in the Fraser river, provided he pays his license and lives up to the regulations governing salmon fishing. Mr. Wilson believes that when Sir Louis Davies realizes that Messrs. Maxwell and Morrison are not in accord with his views, he will at once modify the regulations.

The wires are down east owing to the snow slide. Part of the Glacier station has been carried away owing to an unusually heavy slide. At this writing a violent snow storm is demoralizing the wires to the south, both telegraph companies refusing rush messages.

The C. P. R. cement works have been leased to a New Yorw company, who will materially increase the output.

E. J. Abbott has been elected president of the Fraser River fruit growers' association, at whose meeting a vote of censure was passed on the management of the fruit exchange.

BALFOUR TAKEN TO TASK.

Protestant League Question Him as to Proposed Catholic University and Doings of Established Church.

London, Feb. 1.—Mr. Arthur J. Balfour, first lord of the treasury and the government leader in the House of Commons, received at Manchester yesterday a deputation from the local branch of the Protestant League, who visited him with reference to his recent advocacy of the establishment of a Catholic university in Ireland and also to learn his views as to the action to be taken in connection with the so-called lawlessness in the established church.

In regard to the university, Mr. Balfour emphasized his previous arguments in favor of it. He said he did not advocate it in behalf of the government. His advocacy was due to his personal conviction, which he had conscientiously expressed. He was aware that he had thereby offended many of his Protestant friends and that his personal interests as regards his political position had been injured, by the views he expressed. It was, however, a matter of indifference to him, whether he remained in public life, but it was not a matter of indifference if by remaining in public life, he was prevented from expressing the views he conscientiously held.

Referring to the illegal practices in the established church, Mr. Balfour said he had not observed them himself, but was willing to accept the statements that such practices existed in certain places. He agreed with the deputation that these practices were highly objectionable and constituted a grave danger to the church, which ought to be ended. He doubted, however, whether a demand for parliament to intervene would be wise. He thought those favoring such a demand despaired too soon of the bishops restoring discipline. He admitted that the bishops during the last few years had been slack in preserving discipline, which fact was recognized by them as was evident from the recent action taken by them. He believed that the erring clergy would bow to the authority of their bishops.

Mr. Balfour pleaded that the controversy should not be embittered by pressing for legislation until its necessity was absolutely demonstrated. The address, on the whole, satisfied the deputation, though several of the members emphatically expressed their distrust of the willingness or the ability of the bishops to enforce discipline.

CREMATED HIMSELF.

Seven Year Man in San Francisco Gaol Chooses Terrible Method of Suicide.

San Francisco, Feb. 1.—A horrible suicide occurred to-day in San Francisco gaol and two prisoners narrowly escaped death. Anthony Burgle, a seven year man, secured some coal oil from the stove which was used to heat the cell and poured it over his clothes while the other prisoners were asleep. He then ignited the oil and in a few seconds his body was enveloped in flames. The sleeping cell-mates were barely saved by the guards. Burgle lived but a short time.

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MANITOBA AND NORTHWEST.

Resignation of the Chief Justice—New Divisional Superintendent for Canadian Pacific.

Winnipeg, Jan. 31.—(Special)—The announcement of Chief Justice Taylor's resignation caused no great surprise in Winnipeg, as it had been rumored for some months that it was the intention of His Lordship to vacate the bench at an early date. A city paper mentions Isaac Campbell, Q.C.; H. M. Howell, Q.C.; A. E. Richards and J. S. Ewart, Q.C., as candidates for the position.

Clearing house returns for January were $7,683,582; the clearings for the corresponding month in 1898 were $6,347,168 and for the same period in 1897 $5,009,819.

Rev. Principal King of Manitoba College in this city, is seriously ill of pneumonia.

Hon. Col. McMillan, provincial treasurer, returned from Texas to-day, much improved in health.

The members of the Victoria hockey club of this city leave for Montreal on February 11 to carry back the Stanley cup. A benefit match takes place on Saturday next.

NEWS OF THE CAPITAL

Mr. Mullock Engaged in Another Speculative Bout with Stamp Collectors.

Customs Taxation Still Increasing—United States Apologises for Customs Officer.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Ottawa, Feb. 1.—The withdrawal of the purple two-cent stamped envelopes of which the issue was limited has caused a great demand for it. Stamp speculators managed to capture nearly the entire issue, and in order to stop this speculation and to give the general public a chance to purchase it, the postmaster general has been urged to continue the issue of the purple stamp envelope issue until a given date, say the first of July. The matter is under consideration.

The United States has formally apologized for the action of one of its customs officers at Detroit for forcibly deporting a Canadian named Meagher who went from Essex county to Michigan last September.

The idea of the issue of daily bulletins from the militia department has been dropped on account of the expense.

J. H. Grisdale of St. Martha, Que., has been appointed agriculturist at the central experimental farm.

The customs revenue for January increased $148,000. The total increase for seven months is $2,322,000.

The outlook for lumber in the Ottawa valley is most promising. Nearly the entire cut of the past season is sold out.

The department of trade and commerce was notified this afternoon by cable from Buenos Ayres that the government of Argentina had reduced the duty on spruce lumber by $2.40, leaving the duty $6.40 per thousand. This reduction of 25 per cent. is the outcome of representations of the Canadian agent who protested against the increase when made last September as calculated to injure trade between the countries.

Mr. Maxwell, M.P., is here on business with the railway department.

TEXADA NEWS.

Installing Van Anda Plant—500 Tons of Sorted on the Cornell Dump.

Correspondence of the Colonist.

Texada, Jan. 23.—The bachelors of Texada gave a ball on Friday evening in the new boarding house at Marble Bay mine. There was about fifty-five persons present, amongst which we noticed: Mr. and Mrs. Paxton, Mr. and Mrs. Elliot, Mr. and Mrs. Sands, Mr. and Mrs. Roper, Miss Percy, Mr. and Mrs. Baldwin, Mrs. Hood, Mrs. Reid, Mrs. Jas. Roper, Miss A. Scott, Mrs. McNeil, Miss McCloskie, etc.; Messrs. McCrady, Robson, Summers, the managing committee, had complete arrangements that deserved the fullest praise. Jno. McConville acted at floor manager. The dancing was commenced shortly after 9 p.m., and continued until the small hours, with an intermission at 1 a.m. for refreshments, all the products of the Bachelors' Club, and the cuisine was highly creditable to the club of single blessedness, and deserved the high encomiums of praise which the ladies showered upon the viands. It is to be hoped that the success attained will in the sweet bye-and-bye be repeated.

The arrival of the new boiler, air compressor, hoisting engine and power drill at Van Anda has given this promising property a step forward. The boiler is being placed in position, and a large force of workmen are pushing with all despatch the new shaft-house, etc., and shortly the clatter of the drills will begin on the big ore deposits of the Copper Queen mine.

The work of grading the streets of the town of Van Anda is being pushed forward and buildings are going up right and left. The new wharf is approaching completion. The new steamer Clayoquot having already tied up there.

The work at the Cornell is being pushed forward with vigor, and already about 500 tons of ore (sorted) is on the dump. The new shaft is down about 20 feet, and fine rich ore is being hoisted daily. Upon the completion of 50 feet depth the win will be cross-cut to ascertain its width. Messrs. Roper are successfully opening up a new cut, about 100 yards from the present shaft, and at present writing it appears to be a repetition of the original opening—rich ore from the grass-roots, and already a nice dump of ore is growing larger daily at this new prospect, which now shows a body of ore that any company would be proud of, and the width is not yet ascertained. To say the management is highly satisfied so far, is to put is very, very mild. The future of Texada as a mining camp is now beyond question, and we would not be surprised at other openings being made in the near future, which will add another brilliant to the coronet to the Gem of the Gulf.

TIMOTHY K.

VANCOUVER'S BUDGET.

Snowslide Victims at Roger's Pass Swept Into Eternity Without Moment's Warning.

Lumber in Request for Australia—Moral Reform Needed in Mr. Martin's Town.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Vancouver, Feb. 1.—There are no details of the fatal snow slide at Rogers Pass, beyond the names of those killed, as follows. W. Cator, station master, Mrs. Cator and two children, Ethel and Charles; F. Corsan, telegraph operator; James Ridley, engine wiper; and two Chinamen. The injured are Annie Berger, leg broken, and F. Vagoe, bruised.

All through yesterday slides of a more or less serious nature were coming down from the peaks in the vicinity of Glacier. A warm wave seemed to pass over Rogers Pass, with extremely low temperature on either side. At Glacier the weather was mild and melted the snow. One of these slides blocked traffic and tore up the telegraph wires. The last that came down was the largest, crashing into the round-house and station and carrying them away. The operator was asleep when carried into eternity. The station agent was about his work, and his family were near by, busy in their little dwelling. All went to their death together beneath the weight of relentless snow, with no farewells and no parting tears. There was time for but a startled cry as the thundering mass of ice and snow swept towards them. Ridley, the engine-wiper, was standing near the station when he was hurled into the great beyond.

Rogers Pass was named after Major Rogers, who discovered it in 1883. The pass lies between two lines of huge snow-clad peaks.

J. H. Boswell is in the city, offering to handle 1,000,000 feet of lumber for Australia. He can only get 100,000 delivered.

A meeting of the general relief committee was held last night at Westminster. A full account of their proceedings was given and the secretary retired, the business being practically wound up pending the enabling bill now before the house at Victoria, becoming law.

Word was received from Los Angeles to-day of the death of D. D. Deehig, an old Cariboo miner who came to this country in 1858.

Six policemen are to be added to the force in Vancouver, and a movement is on foot to provide bicycles for work in the outskirts. The scheme is not popular with many, who claim that if the laws against gambling, which it is alleged is carried on in a wide-open way, were enforced in Vancouver, the present strength would be amply sufficient. They claim that vicious gambling such as prevails in Vancouver attracts all sorts of disreputable characters, and encourages theft among the victims of the "tin horns."

The operatic season just closed was the most successful in the history of Vancouver. The eight performances averaged $500 each—considered phenomenal for this city. The Grau opera company were voted good entertainers, and with the exception of "The Bohemian Girl" and "Fra Diavolo," the operas were well rendered.

SALE OF CLAXTON CANNERY.

Purchased by Local and Eastern Capitalists to Be Operated This Year.

The Royal Canadian Canning Company's property at Claxton on the Skeena river was yesterday purchased by Mr. S. D. Schultz for Eastern and local capitalists, the price paid being $27,500. The property was sold by Mr. Joshua Davies, auctioneer, by order of the mortgagees. The sale took place at the Board of Trade rooms, there being fair attendance. The bidding started at $25,000 and was run up to the price at which it was knocked down to Mr. Schultz for his clients.

The property purchased comprised some 150 acres of land, dwelling houses, cabins, store and stock of goods, a complete canning establishment, sawmill, boats, net gear, etc. The purchasers, it is considered by those competent to judge, have secured a bargain, as with proper management and sufficient capital the property should be a paying one. The cannery site is a good one and there is lots of good lumber handy to the sawmill, including spruce and cedar.

The new owners were among the shareholders of the original company. They will operate the present plants during the coming season and will, it is said, add still another industry to those which started the town of Claxton.

The Skipper's Bride.—Captain H. F. Siewerd, master of the schooner Dora Siewerd, and one of the pioneers of the sealing industry, signed a mate for the long voyage of life at the little naval suburb of Esquimalt yesterday, the bride being Miss Mary J. Bradley of Minneapolis. Captain Lachlan McLean, a brother skipper, lent his services as groomsman, while the bride was attended by her friend, Miss Shannon, the marriage being solemnized at the Roman Catholic church by the resident priest, Rev. Father Nicolaye. It was at the home of the latter that the wedding feast was spread, and here a goodly throng of hearty sailor folk were gathered to congratulate the Captain and his bride and wish them a fair passage with favorable winds and no disastrous squalls on the sea of matrimony.